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Application No. New (Div. of 10/219,212)	)	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
	)	<u>STATEMENT</u>
Filed: Herewith	)	
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For: METHOD OF FORMING AN ETCHED	)	
METAL TRACE WITH REDUCED RF	)	
IMPEDANCE RESULTING FROM THE	)	
SKIN EFFECT (as amended)	)	
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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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